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South Shore Tuskegee Airman dies at 96



Tuskegee Airmen veteran Howard Carter answers a question by Linden Ponds resident Gina Herron. Carter visited Linden Ponds retirement community in Hingham as part of a tribute program, on Oct. 14. GARY HIGGINS/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

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Tuskegee Airman veteran Howard Carter, who proudly served in the Korean War and later dedicated himself to telling the story of the pioneering Tuskegee Airmen, has died at age 96. He was living in Kingston with his son, his great-niece, Blanche Thomas, said. Thomas said her uncle died at 1 a.m.

on July 8, and that “we are definitely going to keep his story alive through the family!”
The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces. They were nicknamed the Red Tails.
“Before the war, they said we couldn’t fly,” he said in 2015. “But we did.”
The family has not yet finalized funeral service arrangements for Carter, Thomas said.

The second wave of Tuskegee Airmen who served

Carter enlisted in 1946 – a year after the war ended – and piloted cargo planes in the Pacific as part of the second, post-war wave of Black aviators in the Red Tails.
“I was there to tell what the older guys (in the Tuskegee Airmen) went

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Quincy and Milton to merge 911 dispatch

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QUINCY – Milton and Quincy have received more than \$8 million from the state to plan a joint 911 dispatch center at Quincy’s new public safety headquarters on Sea Street, according to a press release issued July 8 by Quincy Mayor Tom Koch.
The grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and the State 911 Department, will fund equipment, infrastructure and salaries for a consolidated dispatch center, taking police, fire and EMS calls for Quincy and Milton.
Officials from both communities expect the project will accelerate response times without adding to existing budgets, according to the press release. Planners are targeting the second half of 2027 to begin operations.
The dispatch center was made possible by Quincy’s new public safety building, which opened in March, Koch said in the press release:
“A centralized, state-of-the-art communications center is going to have great benefits for our residents, and partnering with our neighbors in Milton will create additional efficiencies and revenue opportunities,” Koch said in the release.
Of the \$8.1 million grant, more than \$7 million will pay for new fiber connections between Milton and Quincy

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Norwell residents told to boil water due to E. coli bacteria in sample

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Norwell residents are being told to boil tap water before using it after officials say E. coli bacteria was detected during routine testing.
The town said it was notified Wednesday, July 8, that a sample collected the day before came back positive for the bacteria.
“These bacteria can make you sick and are especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems,” a press release from the town reads. “Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy

rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system or a failure in the water treatment process.”
Residents are being told to boil all water used for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, food preparation and washing dishes until further notice. Boiled water should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute and then cooled before use.
Any ice, beverages, uncooked foods or baby formula made with tap water collected on or after July 7 should be thrown away.
“This is a precautionary but urgent measure being taken to protect the health and safety of our residents,”

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In this photo illustration, water runs from a kitchen faucet. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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